

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of February 25, 2005 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of February 25, the Examiner rejected claims 50 and 51 as being unpatentable over Okumura et al. in view of Oishi et al. However, these claims have now been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, as only allowed claims remain, this application as a whole should be now be in condition for allowance. Indication of such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

Tetsuji TOGAWA et al.

By: 

Nils E. Pedersen
Registration No. 33,145
Attorney for Applicants

NEP/krp
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Telephone (202) 721-8200
Facsimile (202) 721-8250
April 15, 2005